

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising: receiving input from a video capturing device, the input including an identifier associated with the video capturing device and a video stream; retrieving an identifier from a storage, the retrieved identifier corresponding to the received identifier associated with the video capturing device; locating a directory corresponding to the retrieved identifier, the directory containing one or more stored images previously captured by the video capturing device; presenting a view of a the video stream currently being captured by a the video capturing device to a user; and contemporaneously presenting the one or more stored images previously captured by the video capturing device to the user.

2. (Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the directory is at further comprising: retrieving the one or more previously captured images from a storage location accessible by a computer; the method further comprising and presenting the previously captured stored images to the user on a display of the computer.

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4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the storage location is a virtual folder.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying to the user a user interface having a streaming video display area in which the view of the video stream is displayed and a captured image display area in which the previously captured stored images are displayed.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising: presenting in the user interface a control for capturing a still image from the view of the video stream being displayed in the video display area; and in response to the user activating the control, capturing the still image and adding it to the previously captured stored images.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting one or more user controls for capturing a still image from the video stream and presenting the captured image to the user along with one or more previously captured still images.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the view of the video stream is presented on a computer, and wherein there was a break in communication between the video capturing device and the computer between the time that the previously captured images were taken and the time that the view of the video stream is being presented.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the view of the video stream is presented on a computer, and wherein the computer was turned off between the time that the previously captured images were taken and the time that the view of the video stream is being presented.

10. (Currently amended) A method comprising: presenting a folder to the user; in response to the user selecting the folder, displaying an icon representing a video capturing device; and in response to the user selecting the video capturing device icon, displaying a real-time view of the video stream currently being captured by the video capturing device along with one or more images that were previously captured by the video capturing device.

11. (Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 10.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising: presenting a control for capturing a still image from the video capturing device; and in response to the user activating the control, capturing the still image and adding it to previously captured still images.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising: recognizing the video capturing device as one from which still images have been previously captured; and retrieving the previously captured still images from one or more storage locations accessible by the computer.

14. (Currently amended) A system comprising: a computer for receiving a video stream from a video capturing device and executing one or more software modules to process the video stream; and a display communicatively coupled to the computer, wherein the executed software modules render a view of the video stream currently being captured by the video capturing device; identifies a directory containing one or more previously captured images by the video capturing device based on an identifier of the video capturing device and a corresponding identifier of the directory; and displays the together with one or more previously captured images on the display contemporaneously with the view of the video stream.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising storage media for storing the previously captured images.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the one or more software modules comprises a user interface for displaying the view of the video stream and the previously captured images, the user interface having a control for allowing a user to capture a still image from the view of the video stream.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the one or more software modules further comprises a still image processing layer for processing the image captured by the user and presented it to the other software modules.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the one or more software modules further comprises a filter module for determining whether the video capturing device has a still image pin, and if the video capturing device is determined to

have a still image pin, exposing the video capturing device to the still image processing layer as a still image device.

19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14, further comprising a computer-readable medium accessible by the computer, wherein the computer further executes a file management software module for managing the storage and retrieval of data to and from the computer-readable medium, and wherein the file management software module represents the video capturing device to the user as a storage device, thereby further reinforcing ~~the~~ an illusion that the previously captured images are stored on the video capturing device.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein when a user selects the video capturing device using the file management software module, the file management software module retrieves the previously captured images from the computer-readable medium and presents them to the user as if they were stored on the video capturing device.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the computer-readable medium includes a means for storing the previously captured images.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the storing means is a virtual folder.